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HIGHLIGHTS 21-22 April 1983

Thursday, 21 April



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-- Condolences continue to come in for Bob Ames



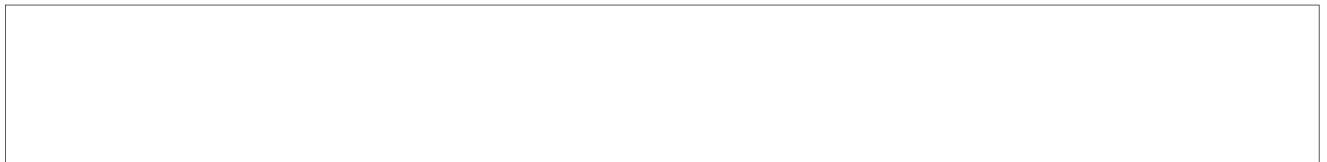
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-- See Tab A for interesting cable from Ambassador Negro Ponte.



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-- See Joe's note at Tab C regarding developments on Central America, SSCI breakfast, HPSCI, etc.



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-- A PFIAB task force has asked Gates to brief them on the Agency's analysis of Soviet political issues on 10 May; the full Board meets on 11 May.



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-- [redacted] spoke to the Vice President, who called trying to be helpful arranging burials at Arlington Cemetery. I understand it now looks promising for those who have asked.

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-- Reviewed and forwarded the 12 April SSCI testimony on Nicaragua.

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[ ] Follow-up on State letter regarding commo problems with [ ] According to [ ] State is frustrated with their inability to negotiate an MOU [ ] and would prefer to work within the framework of the existing [ ] is to coordinate with ICS on answer and will advise us of any problems.

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-- [ ] forwarded to DCI a proposal to delegate to [ ] the authority to approve allocation of funds for the purchase, lease, etc., of Agency property.

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-- [ ] speech to the Security people seemed to go well.

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-- Rodino, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, asked the DCI to reconsider the decision not to have an Agency representative testify before a couple of subcommittees on the polygraph and prepublication review. We seem to have declined because we had already testified on these subjects before HPSCI.

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Friday, 22 April

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-- Today's Wall Street Journal carried article submitted by Casey (summary of Gates' piece).

-- President approved NSDD-90, United States Arctic Policy: We will protect our interests there and do good things -- scientific research, etc.

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-- Vessey invited the DCI and Agency representatives [ ] to participate in OMEGA-83, 23-27 May. This is a simulation exercise of a terrorist attack against a nuclear plant. If we are serious about emergency planning and had a good person or two involved, I would think one of them might also be an appropriate representative. DDI has action on this.

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-- Before going to Norfolk, you should talk to Dewey about likely questions for you from the Deputy Commander of CINCLANT.

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-- President issued a list of economic work progress [(COCOM, IEA, OECD, and NATO) desired by the Williamsburg Summit. The COCOM list issue is heavily oriented toward technology transfer concerns.

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-- See Tab D for NIO/NESA's suggestions on possible responses to Beirut; understand [ ] also has something in the works. - also attached

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-- More condolences for Bob Ames from [ ] Senators Moynihan and Goldwater.

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-- See Tab E for [ ] suggestions regarding the President's speech on Central America.

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-- News reports that the Australians have PNG'd one KGB officer and that the FBI has done the same to three Soviet officials in the US.

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-- Another nice condolence note for Ames from

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-- Pete Aldridge advised the DCI and SecDef that the Air Force supports the Space Shuttle European tour given Air Force involvement in planning and pending CIA concurrence. In anticipation of a request for the latter, DDI/DDO have been asked to provide you a "threat assessment." Just seems like a dumb thing to do.

-- Pete, having heard about efforts to relax a classification of the fact of satellite reconnaissance, in the wake of Turner's book, urges you not to do so and would like to discuss with you.

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